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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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SERIAL NO: 10/556,729 :  
FILED: NOVEMBER 14, 2005 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3685  
FOR: RECORDING DEVICE, :  
RECORDING METHOD, AND PROGRAM

RESTRICTION RESPONSE

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ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

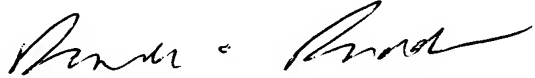
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In response to the Restriction Requirement dated May 28, 2009, Applicants elect without traverse Invention I, associated with Claims 2-4 and 6-8 readable on the elected invention, identified in the outstanding Official Action for further examination on the merits. Applicants also request that the linking claims associated with claims of the elected invention be considered as per M.P.E.P § 809. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected invention.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 2-4 and 6-8, readable on elected Invention I, is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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